

Minutes of Southern Utah Veterans' Home – Ivins, Advisory Board Meeting 1-15-2014

Meeting called to order by Advisory Board Chairman Bill Toole on January 15, 2014 at 4:00pm.

The invocation and the pledge of allegiance were led by Advisory Board Chairman Bill Toole.

The following Board Members in Attendance

Bill Toole, Chair
Lloyd Laycook, Vice Chair
David Chung
Terry Dunne
Chris Hart
Bill Stay
Donna Lister

Board Members Excused

Ron Lee
Carole Grady
Steve Roberts

A quorum is present with 7 out of 10 Board Members.

Dennis McFall, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs
Jacqueline Peterson, State Director, Staff to the Advisory Board
Avalon Administrator; Jerry Olson

Visitor

None

Chairman Bill Toole welcomed all in attendance to the Southern Utah Veterans Home - Ivins board meeting.

Minutes of November 11, 2013 (no meeting held in December 2013) were read by Terry Dunn and approved as read.

Dennis McFall, Deputy Director of the Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs shared a handout with the Board that illustrated the budget of the Southern Utah Veterans Home. Dennis congratulated and thanked the Board for their fund raising effort and discussed the allocation of budgeted funds throughout the facility. Chairman Toole and Deputy Director McFall led a discussion with regard to the continuation of Fund Raising for the Southern Utah Veterans Home. The opinion of the Board is to continue Fund Raising and Room Sponsorship until further notice.

Jacqueline Peterson, State Director of the Southern Utah Veterans Home reported that the Fund Raising for the "Eagle Monument" is ongoing. She reported on the "Wind Sculptures" that have been installed in Communities 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500. Jacqueline Peterson introduced to the Board Members the "Distinguished Veterans Wall" that has been installed in the large multipurpose room adjacent to the facility lobby. Distinguished Veterans will be honored by having their picture and a brief "Bio" of the Veteran placed on this wall. Jacqueline Peterson also discussed with the Board Members the plan for the monitoring the use of the Veterans Home by "outside groups". A form has been developed for this purpose and it must be completed by the "outside group", transmitted to State Director Jacqueline Peterson and ultimate approval or disapproval will be Executive Director Gary Harter.

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Avalon HealthCare Administrator Jerry Olson reported on Staffing and Occupancy. There are currently 100 employees and the facility is 51% occupied. Jerry Olson presented a “power point” report which illustrated to the Board Members various statistics such as;

1. Patient Days
2. Medicare Days
3. Service Connected 70% Days
4. Insurance and Hospice Days
5. Census of Patients47 male veterans, 3 female veterans, 5 non-veteran spouses
6. Other statistics such as inquiries, admissions, and discharges for various reasons.

Administrator Jerry Olson discussed the Pinnacle Customer Service Satisfaction Report and it was noted that the Ivins Facility is doing exceptionally well. Jerry Olson addressed the ongoing effort to have Health Care Providers contracted with the Southern Utah Veteran Home.

Old Business

Discussion on the 9/10 acre of land across the street from the facility. Deputy Director Dennis McFall will research and determine if the property can be sold or gifted to an interested party.

New Business

Hiring Our Heros event on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the Dixie Center will be attended by staff from the Southern Utah Veterans Home who will have information on employment and admissions into the nursing home

Next Meeting: February 12, 2014 at 4:00pm

The meeting was adjourned without ceremony by Chairman Bill Toole at 5:48pm